

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEREMY HALGAT, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:13-cr-00239-JAD-PAL

ORDER

Before the court is Defendant Robert Morrow's Motion for Notice of Rule 404(b) Evidence (Dkt. #59) and Jeremy Halgat's Motion for Notice of Intent to Introduce 404(b) Evidence (Dkt. #61) and the government's Response (Dkt. #74).

Both Defendants seek an Order requiring the United States to provide notice of intent to introduce any evidence under Rule 404(b) of the Federal Rules of Evidence in advance of trial which is currently set for January 8, 2014. The motions request that the government provide notice if it intends to introduce FRE Rule 404(b) evidence at trial, during its case-in-chief, for impeachment or for rebuttal. Defendant Halgat's motion also argues that any FRE 404(b) evidence must be excluded if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice or needless presentation of cumulative evidence.

The government filed a Response (Dkt. #74) acknowledging that it has an obligation, upon the Defendant's request, to provide reasonable notice of the general nature of any Rule 404(b) evidence that the prosecutor intends to offer at trial. The government represents that it does not intend to introduce other crimes or bad act evidence during its case-in-chief, but may seek to do so if either Defendant "opens the door" or presents an entrapment defense.

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1 The government previously responded to Defendant Morrow's motion in limine which
 2 addressed the government's position regarding the planning and commission of this offense which was
 3 captured on video. The government intends to introduce the videos and reiterates that the video
 4 evidence is relevant, direct evidence of the crimes the Defendants are charged with, and that the
 5 probative value of the evidence outweighs any prejudicial impact. The government relies on a line of
 6 Ninth Circuit decisions holding that evidence directly related to, or intrinsically intertwined with, the
 7 crime charged in the indictment is not evidence of other crimes for purposes of Rule 404(b).

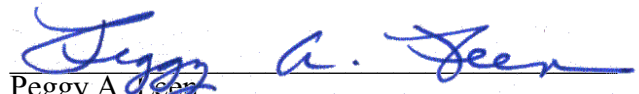
8 The response provides notice that if the Defendants "open the door" or raise an entrapment
 9 defense, the government will seek to introduce evidence of the Defendants' prior and pending criminal
 10 cases that involve narcotics and/or firearms. Defendant Halgat has a pending controlled substance
 11 offense in this district and discovery has been provided to him. Numerous firearms were allegedly
 12 seized from McCall's residence on the day he was arrested in this case. These firearms are direct
 13 evidence of the charged crimes, and the government will seek to introduce the firearms during its case-
 14 in-chief. Additionally, McCall is a convicted felon prohibited from possessing firearms, but has not
 15 been charged with a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g).

16 Having reviewed and considered the matter, and for good cause shown,

17 **IT IS ORDERED** that:

- 18 1. The Defendants' Motions (Dkt. ##59, 61) are **GRANTED**.
- 19 2. The government shall have until **December 27, 2013**, in which to serve counsel for the
 20 Defendants with any supplemental notice of its intent to introduce FRE Rule 404(b)
 21 evidence not disclosed in the government's response.
- 22 3. Defendant Halgat's argument that any FRE 404(b) evidence should be excluded because
 23 its probative value is substantially outweighed by a danger of unfair prejudice or a
 24 needless presentation of cumulative evidence is deferred to the time of trial.

25 Dated this 13th day of December, 2013.

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 United States Magistrate Judge